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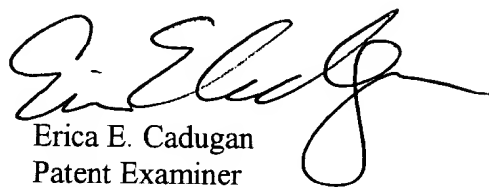
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2. Claims 9, 11-16, 24, and 26 are incomplete because the claims from which they depend have been affirmed as rejected by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME LIMIT from the date of this letter in which to cancel claims 1-8, 10, 17-18, 23, 25, and 27-30 and to present claims 9, 11-16, 24, and 26 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claims 1-18 and 23-30 and this application will be allowed with claims 19-22. See MPEP section 1214.06.
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